

The permissible number of stations to be owned by any one person or corporate entity should not be increased. Further consolidation of broadcast control is not in the public interest. Diversity is. Furthermore, distant control has resulted in inability of local officials to reach the public with safety and hazard announcements (Minot this past winter). We the people own the airwaves. The users pay us "rent" on their use. Please remember that this nation is supposed to be a functioning democracy, "of the people, by the people, and for the people."